REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

No claims have been amended or cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-16 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over McCollum, U.S. Patent No. 6,427,168 ("McCollum") and Smart Technology Enablers "SmartCIM to DMI Mapper" ("Smart").

Claim 1, in pertinent part, recites "a <u>CIM to DMI provider</u> connected to the proxy CIMOM and the DMI service provider <u>to register the plurality of CIM client applications</u> and the plurality of DMI component instrumentation, receive events from the DMI service provider, receive interrupts from the proxy CIMOM, receive information from both the proxy CIMOM and the DMI service provider and translate all said interrupts, said events, and said information <u>into a format suitable for an intended recipient</u>, wherein said <u>intended recipient comprises either the proxy of CIM client applications or the</u> plurality of DMI component instrumentation" (emphasis provided).

As acknowledged by the Examiner, "McCollum does not explicitly teach the use of CIM-DIM" (see Office Action, mailed 01.26.2005, page 2). Like McCollum, Smart does not disclose or reasonably suggest the "CIM to DMI provider" of claim 1 as it does not disclose or reasonably suggest all of the elements of "CIM to DMI provider" as recited claim 1. Thus, Smart adds nothing relevant to McCollum with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims be withdrawn.

Docket No: 42390P10897 Application No.: 09/891,169 Claim 9 and 13 include limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 9 and 13 and their dependent

claims be withdrawn.

Furthermore, although the Examiner points to Fig. 2 and paragraph 2 and page 2

of Smart (Office Action, mailed 01.26.2005, pages 2-3), it is not sufficient to explicitly

show each and every element of claim 1. See MPEP §2131; see also Chester v. Miller,

906 F.2d 1574, 1578, 15 USPQ2d 1333, 1337 (Fed. Cir. 1990). Applicants respectfully

request the Examiner to either explicitly illustrate where each and every element of claim

1 and other claims is taught or suggested by the cited references or indicated allowance of

the claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby

earnestly requested.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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